

# SWAMP FOX SCENE

A FREE monthly news magazine for  
the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



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NEEDS A WORKING  
SMOKE ALARM.**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 4-10, 2015**

firepreventionweek.org

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4TH-10TH

Marion City Firefighters will be visiting schools during fire prevention week in order to reduce and prevent fire related injuries or deaths. The week of October 4-10, will be National Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign will be "BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP."

Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm. If you didn't know that, you're not alone. An online questionnaire distributed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) showed that less than half (42 percent) of approximately 36,000 respondents did not know that a smoke alarm should be installed in each bedroom of the home.

In an effort to better educate the public about this "sleepy" smoke alarm requirement, NFPA – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years – today announced "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm" as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, 2015, NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code®, requires a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when people are most likely to be sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. These facts underscore the extreme importance of having working smoke alarms in all bedrooms.

"Because fires can happen when people are sleeping, having working smoke alarms in bedrooms is a critical element of home fire safety," said Carli, who notes that three out of every five U.S. home fire death resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. "Smoke alarms can make the difference between life and death in a fire by alerting people in time to escape safely, but they need to be installed in all the required locations, including all bedrooms, and they need to be working."

Any questions regarding smoke detectors can try to be answered by contact City of Marion Fire Department at (843) 423-8602.

### Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

The City of Marion's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting will be held Monday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Marion Opera House. Everyone is encouraged to attend this question and answer session and various leaders will be on hand to address residents' concerns, issues and/or questions regarding the City of Marion. Mayor Davis is asking that all committees, groups and organizations appoint a spokesperson to ask questions on their behalf.



### Marion County 2015 Firefighter Expo

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Marion-Dillon County Fairgrounds

Open to the Public

Firetruck Displays

Fun, Food, and Games

Firefighter Competition

Smokehouse

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**Come Play  
with Us**

The City of Marion's annual Play Day will be at Withlacoochee Park on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join the crowds for a fun day of outdoor activities. As part of Playful City USA status gained through Kaboom.org we annually offer this opportunity

to enjoy free outdoor play. Our focus is to have children swinging on the swings, sliding on the slides and enjoying playing in our parks.

Various groups are conducting tournaments and activities for our community. Come out and see which activity best suits you and your family.

### COME OUT AND ENJOY "PLAY DAY 2015"

# CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Chuck & Candy McLain of 312 Luther Rogers Rd has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for August 2015. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. & Mrs. McLain will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

## NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Ficik, Personnel / Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Chris McKenzie, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

## Safety Checkpoints

The City of Marion Police Department will be conducting DUI Sobriety and Traffic Safety checkpoints within the city limits of Marion throughout the months of September and October. All checkpoints will be conducted at various locations within the city limits of Marion.

## Mayor say thank you

I, City Council again would like to thank Ms. Mary Dunbar and the Marion County Healthcare Foundation Board for approving a grant to make it possible for the trip to Wild Water and Wheels in Surfside for our summer camp children. We also thank American Waste Systems of Marion. With your generosity this has help change the lives of many our children. We average over one hundred children on a daily basis and as many as one hundred and sixty children. The trip to wild water and wheels was a real life changer for some of these children.

I, City Council, the Citizens of Marion and the surrounding community truly appreciate your involvement within our community. We also appreciate you and Rev. Johnson's presence during our summer camp talent show and the presentation of the certificates and gifts. To all these wonderful people, I want to thank all of the volunteers who gave time from their busy schedule to help our children. I am extremely grateful for your sacrifices and I feel that I can speak the same for the parents and the children.

*Mayor Bobby L. Davis  
City of Marion*

## Lt. Bessie Gause city's employee of the Month



Lieutenant Bessie Gause was selected as the July 2015 Employee of the Month. Lt. Gause has been employed with the City of Marion Police Department since February 2008 and currently serves as Patrol Commander Supervisor.

Gause is well respected by her peers and in the community. She is known for her warm smile and calm, professional demeanor. "Lt. Gause is a very hard worker, dependable and a committed officer," said Captain Cindy Barr. "We are so pleased to have Lt. Gause representing as one of our finest police officers."

The Mayor and City Council recognized Lt. Gause for her service and dedication to the City of Marion at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

## MARION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - A TEAM

Contributed by Dolly Boyer

We experienced a wonderful and successful National Night Out on August 4th. We received great support from the city administration, our members and law enforcement. I cannot say enough about Chief Dewayne Tennie and Capt. Cindy Barr and their entire department. I hope all the officers came away from NNO knowing how much we appreciate them. It is our hope that this event is just the beginning of our vision of building community spirit and pride as a way of combating crime in the Swamp Fox City. Due to the Labor Day holiday, our September meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 PM in the meeting room of the Fire Dept. on E Bond St. For more information call 843-433-0941. Remember we are our neighbors' keepers!

**2015 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11 6:00P TO 9:00P**

**MUSIC BY**  
JukeboxElly

Bring your lawn chair, appetite and thirst!

**FOOD PROVIDED BY**  
Big John's Grill  
Ashley's Yummy Tummy  
Freckles & Giggles

**BEVERAGE GARDEN**  
by HMRA

Proceeds benefit Downtown Façade and Streetscape Improvements  
An HMRA Fundraising Event

**MUSIC ON THE SQUARE**

**LIVE! ACROSS FROM THE COURT-HOUSE**

**MARION, SC**

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Community Farmers Market located at 109 Bobby Gerald Parkway (The Old Thomas & Howard Building) is open every Saturday for the summer months from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. until October. We have a farmer that can accept the Senior Citizen Vouchers and WIC Vouchers. We are also having a fundraiser at the Market this Saturday. Retired Marines will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for local causes. We welcome anyone interested in setting up a booth for handcrafted items or locally grown produce to contact Nicole Brown at 843-610-6246.

Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Janine Jordan at (843) 289-5054 or email [artcouncilijj@att.net](mailto:artcouncilijj@att.net) for information.

#### September 3rd - Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by **Marion County School District**, 719 North Main Street. Come support your school system as they kick off a new school year for our future leaders of America.

**September 7th - Monday, Labor Day Holiday.** City offices closed.

**September 8th - Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

**September 9th - Wednesday**, 12:00 p.m. **Economic Outlook Luncheon**, Woodhaven Restaurant.

**September 11th - Friday**, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **HMRA Music on the Square with Jukebox Elly**, Bring a lawn chair and end your week relaxing to live music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit HMRA's Facade Improvement Grant Program for Downtown Marion.

**September 14th - Monday**, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Marion County Museum**, Pet Portraits on Wednesday September 16th, 1:00-3:30. For more information, call (843) 250-4592.

**September 19th - Saturday**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., City of Marion's **PLAY DAY** at Withlacoochee Park. **COME PLAY WITH US!!! FUN, FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN !!** For more information contact Vickie Nichols at (843) 423-5961 or email [vnichols@marionsc.gov](mailto:vnichols@marionsc.gov).

**September 21st - Monday**, 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Town Hall Meeting. Marion Opera House, 100 NE Court St., Marion SC.

**September 25th - Friday**, Tommy Black Band will be at Smith-Haven Park, Mullins SC. Friday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The band does a variety of music. For more information email Holly Jackson at [hjackson@mullinssc.us](mailto:hjackson@mullinssc.us); (843) 464-9583.

**September 25th - 26th, Friday & Saturday**, Inaugural Golden Leaf Festival BBQ Cook-off. Smith-Haven Park, Mullins SC. Friday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information email Holly Jackson at [hjackson@mullinssc.us](mailto:hjackson@mullinssc.us); (843) 464-9583 or Jim Bain at [jebain202@gmail.com](mailto:jebain202@gmail.com); (843) 340-3410.

**September 26th - Saturday**, 10:00 A.M. Golden Leaf Festival, Mullins' Smith Haven Park, Parade is on Main Street, with crafts, food vendors and more. A day filled with family and fun. For more information email [scpumpkin@aol.com](mailto:scpumpkin@aol.com) or [vmspyce12@aol.com](mailto:vmspyce12@aol.com).

#### News from Historic Marion Revitalization Association...

Please take a moment and visit [www.theswampfox.com](http://www.theswampfox.com) and complete our survey. HMRA wants to know your thoughts on how we can improve the City of Marion for all citizens.

HMRA was looking forward to our first Music on the Square event August 21, but Mother Nature had other plans. Fear not, Event has been rescheduled for September 11th from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, appetite and thirst! Proceeds benefit Downtown Facade and Streetscape Improvements. We thank you for your support and from the Facebook responses of all who planned to attend, it was going to be a really great time for our community.

Don't forget to come out and play September 19th at Withlacoochee Park 9:00 a.m.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor's of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multiforms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

#### Lions Club

The Marion Lions Club is now taking orders for their 2016 community/birthday calendar. Letters and applications were sent out to last year's customers to be returned no later than September 30th. If you did not get yours, or if you would like to order one for \$8 each, please contact Charlotte Hollandsworth at 275-9959.

*M.A.G.N.I.F.Y*  
*Mothers Attesting Glory through a Notable Intricate Fight Year Round*  
Theme: **"Keeping it Real Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Health Fair"**

MAGNIFY'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK/ RIDE (BIKE)  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

8:00 am Registration (\$10.00) Donation  
9:00 am Walk Begins

3 MILE Walk through Historic Downtown Marion  
Beginning at the Old Piggly Wiggly on N. Main Street & ending at Grice's Recreation Center located at 603 Gurley St, Marion, SC

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WALK ONE STEP CLOSER TO A CURE AND BRING AWARENESS TO OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Donations will be used to support and assist Breast Cancer Survivors in our community, McLeod Health Foundation and to Susan G. Komen Low Country.

Note: Please wear **Pink T-Shirts** or **something pink** to show your support. Contact Novella Davis at 843- 423-0807 or 843-617-9850 for further information or early registration.

Vendors will be selling food, etc. If you would like to be a vendor at the event contact Novella at one of the numbers listed above.

**DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.....THANK YOU!!!!MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO MAGNIFY.**



#### What Is Relay For Life?

In more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries, Relay for Life events comprise the signature fundraiser for the **American Cancer Society**. Each Relay for Life event is special to its community, but the movement's true power lies in the combined commitment of thousands of participants, volunteers, and supporters to help the American Cancer Society save lives from cancer.

**\*\*Wednesday, September 2, 2016 begins the 2016 Relay for Life of Marion County season. \*\***

As of **September the 2<sup>nd</sup>** you will be able to log onto [www.relayforlife.org/marionsc](http://www.relayforlife.org/marionsc) and register yourself, a team or make a donation for our new year. As a team registers, that will give them first picks to where you would like to be on the track during Relay Day. Also, between September 2 and October 2 if you register and raise \$50 during that time each individual will receive a specially made t-shirt.

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** is a very important night. This is a night for anyone who has ever been affected by cancer or who would be interested in taking a stand and fight against cancer, to join us at **Carolinas Hospital Systems classrooms at 6:00pm**, for a volunteer training/ interest meeting. If you are an individual, business, civic organization, church, social club, motorcycle, car, tractor club or anything else, and would like to know what it takes to get started, this is the place to be to get in the know.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Debbie Erwin the Event Lead at 843-260-4483 or email at [DebbieErwin@outlook.com](mailto:DebbieErwin@outlook.com) or find her on FB at **Debbie Erwin rfl** or **like our FB page** Relay For Life of Marion County, SC. We post all our happenings on this page.

.....RECREATIONAL CORNER .....

Fall Signups

The Marion Recreation Department is currently taking Football and Cheerleading signups for ages 4-18 for the fall season. Please make sure you have a copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of registration; NO birth certificates are kept on file. City residents with proof of residency \$21; Outside city limits \$35. Signups are accepted Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Deadline to register is September 14th. Please remember the Marion Recreation offices are now located at the Shannon Wilkerson Gym (behind the Marion School District).

BLOCK PARTY

The City of Marion Recreation Department celebrated a successful season of basketball and softball for local youth teams. Mayor Bobby L. Davis, City Administrator Alan Ammons, Marion City Council and the department heads celebrated with a block party outside of the Shannon Wilkerson Gym (Old Elementary Gym) on August 12<sup>th</sup> to honor the Marion 15 year old Dixie Belles all-star softball, the 12 year old girls all-star basketball and the 17 year old boys all-star for winning state titles.



Photo courtesy of Marion Star

Ann Jackson, City of Marion Recreation Director, stated that "It's awesome and anytime your young people can go out play, have a good time and win a championship too in one year is amazing." "We got put on the map big time."

"It's great pride." "We appreciate them and all the hard work. We're very proud of our kids because they do an awesome job and if we continue to support them we will see even more." Mayor Bobby L. Davis said.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Marion Belles All-Star

The Marion Belles All-Star Team won the State Title in July, advancing to the Dixie Youth Softball World Series in Monroe, Louisiana, August 1-4. These talented young players represented their state as 'Team South Carolina' defeating North Carolina 6-5 in the Saturday opener. Game two, Marion held a 4-1 lead over Florida on Sunday before losing the grip on the advantage 7-4. On Monday, their bats were hot and they defeated Alabama 12-9 in an exciting match. In their fourth game of the series Team South Carolina faced North Carolina for the second time and was eliminated. Team South Carolina proudly brought home a 5th place trophy and is looking forward to a World Series repeat!



"HATS OFF TO MARION CHAMPS 2015" WE LOVE YOU!!